

Alumni Update



UP-COMING FALL ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming
Nov. 6-10, 1996
Longview, TX

Fall Commencement
Dec. 13, 1996
Longview, TX

Fall Commencement
Dec. 12, 1996
Houston, TX

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Monty Collins (MeS '50-'51) married **Sybleen** on 5/30/96 in Alto, Texas. Monty is retired from Burlington Northern Railroad.

Gene A. Smith (MeS '50-'51) passed away 4/14/96 in Kansas City.

Keith Glass (GS '51) assistant professor of welding, passed away 7/23/96 (see related story elsewhere in this issue).

Wayne Boyton Cheney ('60) passed away 6/22/96.

Bill J. Taylor (MT '68) came by the campus this summer. As a founding member of the Automotive Society, he said he was glad to see a more modern building being used. Bill and his wife have had many opportunities to travel and share their salvation.



Loren Leman (GE '69) has been serving as a State Senator in Alaska. In March, he testified before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee at the request of Senator Murkowski.

Steve Keir (MT '70) was serving at Radio ELVA in Liberia when gunmen looted the station, threatening his life. In May '96, Steve was one of three missionaries who had stayed behind at the radio station after other SIM missionaries were evacuated due to rebel fighting. The men managed to make it to the U.S. Embassy and were evacuated to Sierra Leone.

Theron Young, Ph.D (AT '73) has taught for five years at the Portuguese Bible Institute in Portugal. In addition to teaching Bible and Hebrew, he is working on two new textbooks for the Portuguese-speaking evangelical community.

Jeff Kleinbeck (AT '75) was the manager of the air traffic operations at the 1996 EAA Convention in Oshkosh, Wisc. During the rest of the year he's an Air Traffic Manager at Timmerman Air Traffic Control Tower.

Dick (PE '75) and **Meg Ackley** (BI '78) are home on furlough from Nigeria with SIM. They are living in Dallas for the next year.

Roger Kieffer (PE '76) is now the Vice President for Administrative Affairs at Bluefield College in Va.

Bob R. Brandt (ET '78) returned to the USA for the first time since his graduation in 1978. Bob teaches in the EE Department at Parriba University in Brazil.

Keith (MT/AT '78) and **Melody Hibbard**, along with their three children, will be coming home from the Philippines for a short furlough in December 1996.

Steve (BU/AT '80) and **Kathy Claassen** returned to their work with MAF in Indonesia this past June after a six-month furlough.

Gary Holeman (ET/AT '80) recently returned from Bolivia where he installed a computer network for the Carashipampa Christian School.

Deb "Fulghum" (ME '80) and **Sam Robey**, along with daughter, Hannah, welcome Samuel Bruce Robey, Jr., to the family. He was born on 7/3/96, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Mary Ann Hudson (BU/PY '81) and **Andrew Orynn** announce the birth of their son, William Schafer Hudson Orynn. William was welcomed by his 4-year-old sister, Lindsay.

Brian Beckon ('82-'84) now has a daughter, Emily, born 4/25/96. Brian is an attorney in California.

Randall (ME '82) and **Eldora Brock** are excited to announce the arrival of Cynthia Anne on 8/30/96.

Danny (ME '82) and **Kathryn** (MA/CS '84) Difrancesco have been blessed with twins. Eva Grace and John Daniel were born 7/2/96.

Richard (MT '82) and **Christine Dunbar** joyfully announce the adoption of Kyle Richard Sergey Dunbar. Kyle was born 6/3/95 and adopted 5/28/96.

Doug (ET '82) and **Jodi Imes** had their third son, Paul Joseph, on 2/10/96.

Jeff (BU/AT '82) and **Deb Johnson** have returned to the states from the Philippines. Pray for Deb as she continues chemotherapy as a follow-up to cancer surgery.

Michael Palmer (ET/AT '82) has taken a new job with E-Systems in Greenville, Texas.

Mark A. Rice (ET/AT '82) was elected at the GOP State Convention in San Antonio, Texas, as a District 4 Congressional delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Keith (ET/AT '83) and **Jan Anderson** have been with Mission Aviation Fellowship and are now returning to LeTourneau. Keith is an instructor for the Aviation Department at LeTourneau University.

Mark (MT '83) and **Ginny Collins** announce the birth of their son, Paul Nathan, on 3/28/96.

David (WT '84) and **Mary "Hancock"** (PE '85) Hoffman announce the birth of their baby girl, Sarah Christine, on 4/20/96. She joins her brother, Michael, and sister, Anna.

Ken Skinner (MT '84) is now an Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo.

John (CSE '84) and **Mary Wilkinson** announce the birth of their third son, Philip Mark Wilkinson. He was born on 7/22/96 weighing 10 lbs. 4 ozs.

Russell (CS '85) and **Rhonda** (ET '85) Davis reported on their family recently. Russell is a software engineer for E-Systems in Greenville, Texas, and Rhonda stays busy with their five children.

Kimberly "Limbacher" ('85-'86) and **Mark Russell** are pleased to announce the birth of Katherine Louise on 8/20/96. Kim is Director of Foundations and Corporate Relations for the University.

Steve (EE '86) and **Marlie** (AC '87) Marks have moved to the Ft. Worth area where Steve took a job in research and development with International Music Corp.

Bruce (ME '86) and **Rose Starook** had their first son, Timothy Samuel, on 8/28/96.

Mike (CST/BU '87) and **Starla Sheffield** have a second daughter, Shanetta Ruth arrived 4/21/96 and joined sister, Shaylyn.

Jay (EE '87) and **Stephanie Copen** are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Hayley Madison, on 5/31/96. She was welcomed by sister, Rachel.

Sam (ME '87) and **Lisa** (EE '88) Skiechnik thank God for their baby, Peter Antoni. Born on 9/8/96, Peter was undergoing some tests and they ask for your prayers.



Brian Robert Greer (PE '88) married **Lori Jane Boatner** ('82) on 6/22/96, at LeTourneau University's Speer Chapel.

Andrew Glasgow (BY '88) is presently training to be a surgeon in Cardiff, Wales.

Ken (ET '88) and **Janie Parfitt** announce the birth of their fifth son, Reese Nathaniel, born 8/19/96. They live in Rochester, N.Y., where Ken is a Senior Test Engineer at Harris RF Communications.

Kevin (AT '88) and **Christy Udd** announce the birth of Kayla Marie on 5/23/96. She joins brothers Clayton and Connor.

Todd (EE '88) and **Dawn Winkler** announce the birth of Zachary Todd Winkler on 7/2/96.

Brian (EE '89) and **Diane Sassaman** had their third child, Charles Gordon, on 5/3/96. Brian is in the Air Force, stationed in San Antonio, Texas.



Ken (CSE '90) and **Charlene Daniels** announce the birth of **Philip Kenneth** on 8/9/96 in Senlis, France. The Daniels work with Wycliffe and are currently in Switzerland.

David Carman (AT '91) has been appointed a member of Wycliff Bible Translators as a Pilot/Mechanic. He and his wife, Claudia, will receive their field assignment in 1997.

Luke (AT '92) and **Jennifer Abbott** had a baby boy on 8/15/96. His name is Caleb Scott.

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Carl Nelson, (BUDT '92) is returning to Russia where he teaches business and English at Cherepovets State University. He invites you to contact him by email at cln@chgiti.cherepovets.ru

Craig Robertson (AC '92) is the new missions controller of the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster, Pa.

Titus Crabb (EE '93) is now in Phoenix, Ariz., working for Industrial System Solutions.

Bernard Kampenga (AT '93) passed away 9/17/96 as the result of an aircraft accident. He is survived by his wife, Lisa.

Blake York (BU '93) is now the Technical Services Manager at Metron Group in Plano, Texas.



Amy "Shepherd" (BU '93) and Steve Hatzlari (AT '93) are proud to announce the birth of Brady Scott on 8/12/96. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs., and lives in Longview, Texas, where Steve is a flight instructor for Letourneau University.

Steve (MT/AT '93) and Kimberly Walker were blessed with a new baby in March. Steve now works for Boeing Company in Kansas.



Edward R. Fenton (ME '94) married Gail L. Guckenburg on 8/24/96.

Dennis Carter (BM '95) is following his dream. Dennis was accepted to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston.

Steve (MT '95) and **Becky ('95) Cochrane** were blessed with a new baby boy. Jonathan Paul was born on 5/8/96, weighing 8 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs.

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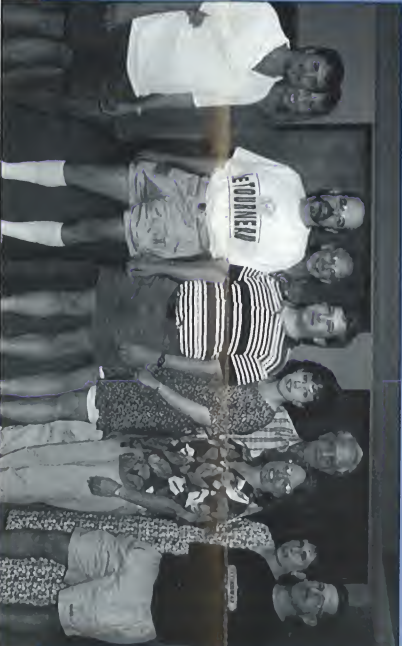
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Alumni from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia met in Alumni Meetings this past summer. Above: Portland area alumni. Below: Seattle area alumni. Other alumni meetings held during the summer included the annual E.A.A. Oshkosh/Aviation Alumni meeting in Wisconsin and the North Texas Alumni/Texas Rangers Baseball Tailgate Party held in Arlington, Texas.



Tim (ATET '96) and **Lisa Serbin** had their third child, David Allen, on 7/26/96.



Ben Hickin (ATBU '96) and **Mari Graff** (a current L.U. student) were married in Speed Chapel on 8/10/96. They reside in Longview, Texas.

Mark Calkins's wife, Deb, waves goodbye to Mark, just before his historic record-setting round-the-world flight begins. Just over 49 hours later the plane landed, shaving more than 1 hour off the former world record for a corporate jet.



Captain Mark Calkins Sets World Speed Record

Alumnus Captain Mark Calkins (ET/AT '73-'77), and a team of three others have set the world speed record for a round-the-world flight in a Class C-1F (light corporate jet) aircraft, circumnavigating the globe in 49 hours, 21 minutes and 42 seconds. The crew traveled 20,482 nautical miles in the Cablevision Tool, a Learjet 35-A, owned by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, averaging a ground speed of 475 miles per hour. Daniels sponsored the record-setting flight. The former record, set 13 years ago, was 50 hours, 22 minutes, 42 seconds.

In addition to Calkins, other members of the historic crew were Captains Paul Thayer, Dan Miller and former NASA astronaut Pete Conrad.

Calkins was flight team leader and found the flight to be exhilarating—and nerve-racking. "This is absolutely the most thrilling moment of my life," said the former Alaska bush pilot. "I've been nervous for three months about coming up one mile per hour short of the record."

With the addition of an extra inboard fuel tank, the plane refueled only eight times: St. Kitts, Cape Verde off the coast of Africa, Italy, Saudi Arabia, India, the Philippines, Russia and Alaska. The plane departed from and landed at Centennial Airport, Denver, Colorado.



Junior James Schwacofler, a computer science and technology major from Escondido, Calif., makes calls during the Alumni Phonathon. Students, staff and faculty volunteer to call Alumni to raise funds for scholarships. This year's goal is \$65,000.

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Alumni Phonathon Rings in Scholarships

The annual Alumni Phonathon has already raised more than \$46,000 toward its \$65,000 goal, reports alumni director, Bryan Benson. "We're excited about the generous initial response of our alumni and believe that we'll have our full goal met in a few weeks."

Alumni are contacted directly by phone or by letter and encouraged to pledge toward the Phonathon, which raises money for student scholarships and financial aid.



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Getting Fit For Your Future (And Theirs) . . .

How You Can Take Care Of Loved Ones and Support Christian Higher Education



John Martin

One of the major concerns of adults today is how to take care of aging parents and other loved ones. You may find yourself in the position of providing assistance or support to a parent, sister or brother. At times like this, it is critical to prepare for the future by using tried-and-true financial tools. A well-established giving tool may be just the thing to help you and your loved ones get financially fit for the future.

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